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On instructions from my Government and further to our earlier letters concerning Israel's attacks on southern Lebanon and the Western Bekaa and the arbitrary practices against the civilian inhabitants in which it engages on a daily basis, I have the honour to notify you of the series of such incidents that took place in July 1999.

1 July 1999

At 0430 hours the Lahad proxy militia fired seven 81-mm mortar shells at Dallafah and an area to the north of Ahmadiyah hill and directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire at the outskirts of Qilya, the Mimis sector and Jabal Bir al-Dahr from the positions at Ahmadiyah hill and Ayn Qinya.

At 0454 hours Israeli occupation forces fired three 81-mm mortar shells at the area around the abandoned Army barracks in Nabatiyah from the Dabshah position.

Between 0501 and 0535 hours occupation forces fired nine 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Tibnin and Haddatha from the position at the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint.

At 0940 hours occupying Israeli forces expelled Khalil Dib Sa'b, 74, from Shaba' because his son did not wish to serve in the Lahad proxy militia.

At 1425 hours occupation forces fired four 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Yatar from the Tall Ya'qub position.

At 1455 hours elements from the collaborators' militia set a fire in the Ghamisa locality near Zimriya. The conflagration spread to land planted with

olive trees, and the militia, by firing in their direction, prevented the inhabitants of Mimis from extinguishing it.

At 1630 hours the security services of the collaborators' militia, for unknown reasons, arrested Afifah Suwayd, 54, of Khiyam. She is the wife of Zaki Hasan Awwadah and the mother of Rana Zaki Awwadah, both of whom are in detention.

Between 1715 and 1830 hours the Israeli occupation forces and the militia collaborating with them fired several 155-mm artillery shells and 81-mm and 120-mm mortar shells and directed a number of bursts of medium-weapons fire at the Ghawarinah neighbourhood, the abandoned Army barracks in Nabatiyah, areas along the Zahrani river, the outskirts of Luwayzah, Mlita hill, Mazra'at Uqmata and Kafr Rumman from the Dabshah, Tahrah and Suwayda positions. One resident, Ali Kamil Rumiyah, was injured. In the same bombardment, a civilian vehicle belonging to Ibrahim Mahmud Salamah was also hit.

Between 1945 and 2015 hours Israeli occupation forces fired several 155-mm artillery shells at areas along the Litani River near Zawtar al-Gharbiyah and at Wadi al-Hujayr and the area around Shawmariyah hill from the positions at the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint and Tayyibah.

At 2210 hours an Israeli gunboat off Bayyadah fired several bursts of medium-weapons fire in all directions.

2 July 1999

Between 0000 and 0630 hours Israeli occupation forces fired several 155-mm artillery shells and 81-mm and 120-mm mortar shells and directed bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas of Mayfadun, the Yuhmur lowland, Mazra'at al-Hamra and the Yuhmur-Nabatiyah road from the positions at Shurayfah, Zafatah and Qal'at al-Shaqif (Château de Beaufort). The aforesaid road was cut, and students were prevented from going to Nabatiyah to take the government examinations. Vehicles belonging to the Lebanese Red Cross ultimately endeavoured to take the students to the examination centres.

Between 0400 and 0530 hours an Israeli gunboat off Mansuri fired several bursts of medium-weapons fire in all directions.

At 0900 hours two Israeli bulldozers proceeded to level the sides of the road between the Zimriya position and the Hasbani.

At 1730 hours Israeli occupation forces fired several rifle-launched grenades and directed bursts of medium- and light-weapons fire at Yuhmur from the position at Qal'at al-Shaqif (Château de Beaufort). A seven-year-old girl, Zaynab Ahmad Hamzah, was injured.

At 2220 hours occupation forces and the Lahad militia collaborating with them fired several 155-mm artillery shells and 81-mm mortar shells at areas along the Zahrani River near Habbush and at Jabal al-Rafi' and the Habbush-Arabsalim road. The electric power supply was disrupted in Humin al-Fawqa, Jarju', Arabsalim and Habbush.

3 July 1999

At irregular intervals between 0300 and 0500 hours an Israeli gunboat off Mansuri fired several bursts of medium-weapons fire in all directions. It also fired on fishing boats south of Tyre.

Between 0850 and 0900 hours the collaborators' militia fired 10 60-mm mortar shells at the Shawmariyah area and outlying areas of Mazra'at Alman from the Qusayr and Sala'ah positions.

At irregular intervals between 1405 and 1515 hours the Lahad proxy militia fired three smoke shells and directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas of Habbush and Kafr Rumman from the Tahrah hill position.

At 2235 hours the collaborators' militia fired 12 120-mm mortar shells, directed bursts of medium-weapons fire and launched several illumination flares towards outlying areas of Tibnin, Haddatha and Ayta al-Jabal from positions at Shaqif al-Naml, Shal'abun hill and Bal'awil hill.

4 July 1999

Between 0430 and 0530 hours an Israeli gunboat off Bayyadah fired several bursts of medium-weapons fire in all directions.

Between 0845 and 0905 hours occupation forces fired six 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Haddatha and Sribbin from the position at the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint.

At 1030 hours the collaborators' militia fired two 120-mm mortar shells at outlying areas of Bayt Yahun from the Saff al-Hawwa' position.

At 1200 hours Israeli occupation forces fired four 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Mansuri and Majdal Zun from the Tall Ya'qub position.

Between 1315 and 1330 hours Israeli warplanes overflew the Tyre and Tibnin areas.

Between 2240 and 1340 hours Israeli occupation forces and the Lahad militia collaborating with them fired several 120-mm mortar shells and 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Kafr Rumman from the Dabshah and Zafatah positions.

5 July 1999

At 0400 hours naval forces of the Israeli occupation seized a fishing boat off Tyre and detained those on board for four hours. They were Ahmad Abu Jum'ah, 43, Walid Abu Jum'ah, 12, Badi' Isma'il Tuska, 46, and Bilal Awdah, 30.

At 0500 hours the same naval forces seized the fishing boat Abd and detained those on board, Imad Ali al-Zurzur, 28, and Ali Atawi Sultani, 39, for seven hours.

Between 0400 and 0600 hours Israeli naval forces directed medium-weapons fire at the fishing boat Taha, which had three fishermen from Tyre on board.

At 1200 hours the collaborators' militia fired two 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Qa'qa'iyat al-Jisr from the Zafatah position.

Between 1540 and 1605 hours Israeli occupation forces fired eight artillery shells at outlying areas of Haddatha from the position at the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint.

At 1800 hours Israeli occupation forces fired an 81-mm mortar shell at an outlying area of Kafr Rumman from the Dabshah position.

Between 1835 and 1845 hours Israeli occupation forces fired six 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Mansuri, Majdal Zun and Izziyah from the Tall Ya'qub position.

Between 2110 and 2230 hours Israeli warplanes overflew the South.

Between 2140 and 2200 hours Israeli occupation forces fired 14 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Tibnin, Majdal Zun, Mansuri and Izziyah and at Wadi al-Saluqi from the positions at Tall Ya'qub and the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint. They also fired several 120-mm mortar shells at Wadi Habbush from the Zafatah, Suwayda and Dabshah positions.

Between 2145 and 2230 hours the Lahad proxy militia launched several illumination flares over Sujud hill from its position on the hill itself. Israeli occupation forces also fired two 81-mm mortar shells and directed several bursts of fire at the abandoned Army barracks in Nabatiyah from the Dabshah position.

6 July 1999

Between 0000 and 0125 hours occupation forces fired three direct-fire rounds and five 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Zibqin and Majdal Zun from the Tall Ya'qub and Balat positions.

Between 0300 and 0530 hours an Israeli gunboat off Mansuri fired several bursts of medium-weapons fire in all directions.

At 1020 hours occupation forces fired three 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Majdal Zun, Mansuri and Izziyah from the Tall Ya'qub position.

Between 1320 and 1340 hours the Lahad militia collaborating with Israel fired eight 120-mm mortar shells at outlying areas of Haddatha and Ayat al-Jabal from the Shaqif al-Naml position.

Between 2110 and 2205 hours Israeli helicopters overflew the South, the Western Bekaa and Mount Lebanon. At 2350 hours they again overflew the Tyre area and the area offshore.

At 2250 hours occupying Israeli forces fired several 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Bra'shit, Tibnin and Majdal Zun from the positions at Tall Ya'qub and the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint.

7 July 1999

At 0720 hours Israeli artillery bombarded the outskirts of Majdal Zun and Zatar and Wadi al-Ayshiyah with 155-mm artillery shells from the positions at Hardun hill, the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint and Tall Ya'qub.

At 0830 hours two Israeli bulldozers proceeded to level the sides of the main road from Hasbayya to the Za'riya crossing. Two trucks were seen carrying soil away.

At 0915 hours the collaborators' militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells and 120-mm mortar shells at Mazra'at Umqata and areas along the Tasah spring from the Zafatah and Rayhan positions.

Between 2030 and 2205 hours the Lahad proxy militia directed several bursts of fire in all directions from the Arnun and Bal'awil hill positions. The high-tension line between Yuhmur and Arnun was cut.

At 2300 hours Israeli occupation forces bombarded Jabal al-Za'tar and the outskirts of Bra'shit with five 155-mm artillery shells from the position at the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint.

8 July 1999

Between 0705 and 0730 hours occupation forces fired several 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Yatar, Majdal Zun and Mansuri from the positions at Tall Ya'qub and the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint.

At 1100 hours elements from the Lahad proxy militia at the occupation's Kafr Tibnit crossing prevented Ahmad Husayn Huli, 27, who was accompanied by his wife and daughter, from crossing into the occupied strip.

Between 1000 and 1500 hours Israeli helicopters and reconnaissance aircraft overflew the South, Tumat Niha and the Western Bekaa.

Between 1945 and 2055 hours the collaborators' militia directed medium-weapons fire at areas around the Hula, Ruwaysat, Jamus, Shaqif al-Naml and Suwayda hill positions while Israeli occupation forces bombarded Wadi al-Qaysiyah with three 155-mm artillery shells from the Mays the al-Jabal checkpoint.

Between 2145 and 2235 hours the Lahad proxy militia fired 22 direct-fire rounds, directed bursts of medium-weapons fire and fired six 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Majdal Zun and Bra'shit from the positions at Shama', Rajmin hill, Shaqif al-Naml, Bal'awil hill and the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint.

9 July 1999

Between 0100 and 0300 hours Israeli occupation forces and the Lahad militia collaborating with them fired several 155-mm artillery shells and 81-mm mortar shells and directed bursts of medium-weapons fire at Jabal al-Rafi' from the Zafatah, Tahrah and Suwayda positions.

Between 0335 and 0415 hours an Israeli gunboat off Mansuri fired several bursts of medium-weapons fire in all directions.

At 0500 hours occupation forces fired eight 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Haddatha and Atya al-Jabal from the position at the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint.

At 1825 hours occupation forces fired eight 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas Majdal Zun, Mansuri and Izziyah from the Tall Ya'qub position.

Between 2040 and 2100 hours occupying Israeli forces and the collaborators' militia fired four 155-mm artillery shells and five 120-mm mortar shells at the outskirts of Nabi Sujud and Mazra'at Umqata from the Zafatah and Aramta positions.

At 2130 hours the collaborators' militia directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire at the Mimis sector from the Zimriya position.

10 July 1999

Between 0330 and 0505 hours an Israeli gunboat off Mansuri fired several bursts of medium-weapons fire in all directions.

At 0500 hours occupation forces fired several 81-mm mortar shells and directed bursts of medium-weapons fire at the abandoned Army barracks in Nabatiyah from the Dabshah position.

Between 0725 and 0735 hours occupying Israeli forces fired six 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Majdal Zun and Yatar from the Tall Ya'qub position.

At 1215 hours occupying Israeli forces and the collaborators' militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells and 120-mm mortar shells at areas along the Tasah spring, at Mazra'at Umqata and Mlita and at outlying areas of Luwayzah and Mlikh from the Zafatah, Ksarat al-Urush, Bi'r Kilab nad Sujud hill positions.

Between 1740 and 1800 hours occupying Israeli forces and the collaborators' militia fired several 120-mm mortar shells and directed bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas of Tulin, Qabrikha, Ghanduriyah, Burj Qallawiyah and Frun and at Wadi al-Hujayr and areas along the Litani River near Zawtar al-Sharqiyah and Zawtar al-Gharbiyah from positions at Tayyibah, the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint, Qantarah and Qusayr.

11 July 1999

At 0445 hours an Israeli gunboat off Mansuri fired several bursts of medium-weapons fire in all directions.

Between 1000 and 1200 hours Israeli warplanes overflew the South and the Shuf.

Between 2025 and 2105 hours occupation forces fired eight 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Majdal Zun, Zibqin and Izziyah as well as at Wadi al-Qaysiyah from the positions at Tall Ya'qub and the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint.

At 2310 hours three 81-mm mortar shells fired from the occupied strip fell on Jabal al-Rafi'.

12 July 1999

Between 0315 and 0500 hours an Israeli gunboat off Mansuri fired several bursts of medium-weapons fire in all directions.

Between 0700 and 0720 hours occupation forces fired four 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Haddatha from the position at the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint.

At 1230 hours elements of the collaborators' militia at the Kafr Tibnit crossing prevented Huda Husayn Karim Musa, 27, from crossing to her home town, Kafr Killa.

Between 1330 and 1530 hours Israeli warplanes overflew the South and the Western Bekaa breaking the sound barrier.

At 1640 hours occupation forces fired several 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Qabrikha and Tulin from the position at the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint.

Between 1910 and 2110 hours occupying Israeli forces fired several 155-mm artillery shells at Wadi al-Qaysiyah and the outskirts of Sujud from the positions at Shurayfah and the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint.

13 July 1999

The collaborators' militia prevented the inhabitants of the occupied town of Ayta al-Sha'b from leaving for the liberated areas.

Between 0430 and 0530 hours an Israeli gunboat offshore between Qulaylah and Mansuri fired several bursts of medium-weapons fire in all directions.

At 1035 hours occupying Israeli forces and the collaborators' militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells and 120-mm mortar shells and directed bursts of medium-weapons fire at Mazra'at Umqata, areas along the Tasah spring and the area around Sujud hill from the Rayhan, Zafatah and Sujud hill positions.

Between 2020 and 2120 hours an Israeli gunboat off Tyre fired several bursts of medium-weapons fire in all directions and launched a number of illumination flares off the coast between the Kharab locality and Rashidiyah. At the same time, Israeli warplanes overflew the Tyre area at low altitudes.

14 July 1999

At 0745 hours occupying Israeli forces fired four 155-mm artillery shells at an outlying area of Tibnin from the position at the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint.

Between 2045 and 2055 hours occupying Israeli forces and the collaborators' militia fired several 81-mm mortar shells at outlying areas of Kafr Rumman from the Dabshah and Suwayda positions.

15 July 1999

At 1115 hours occupation forces fired several 120-mm mortar shells at the outskirts of Nabi Sujud and outlying areas of Mlikh from the Ksarat al-Urush position.

At 1325 hours the collaborators' militia directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire at parts of the easternmost neighbourhood of Kafr Tibnin from the position at Ali al-Tahir hill.

Between 1410 and 1520 hours occupation forces fired several direct-fire rounds and a number of 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Jibal al-Butm and Zibqin from the Jabal Balat and Tall Ya'qub positions.

16 July 1999

Between 0400 and 0500 hours occupation forces fired several 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Haddatha and Haris from the position at the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint.

At 0955 hours occupying Israeli forces fired five 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Mansuri and Majdal Zun from the Tall Ya'qub position.

Between 1200 and 1250 hours Israeli warplanes overflew the South.

At 1620 hours Israeli occupation forces fired several 120-mm mortar shells and directed bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas of Luwayzah, Aramta, Mazra'at Uqmata and Jabal al-Rafi' from the Ayshiyah and Ksarat al-Urush positions. As a result, a fire broke out on Jabal al-Rafi'.

At various times between 1900 and 2230 hours occupation forces and the collaborators' militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells, 120-mm mortar shells and direct-fire rounds and directed bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas of Majdal Zun, at the Yuhmur lowland and Mazra'at al-Hamra, and at outlying areas of Habbush, areas along the Tasah spring and areas around the Shama' and Sujud hill positions from the Shurayfah, Ksarat al-Urush, Shama', Zafatah and Suwayda hill positions.

17 July 1999

Between 0225 and 0235 hours occupying Israeli forces fired several 120-mm mortar shells at areas along the Tasah spring from the Ksarat al-Urush position.

Between 0330 and 0500 hours an Israeli gunboat offshore between Qulaylah and Bayyadah fired several bursts of medium-weapons fire in all directions.

At 0950 hours occupation forces fired 27 155-mm artillery shells and another 27 120-mm mortar shells at Jabal Bir al-Dahr and areas along the Litani River from the Ahmadiyah hill and Abu Qamhah positions.

Between 1005 and 1235 hours occupation forces fired 43 155-mm artillery shells and 20 120-mm mortar shells at Wadi al-Fatir and hill 910 from the Abu Qamhah and Ahmadiyah hill positions.

At 1345 hours Israeli warplanes attacked areas along the Litani River, firing two air-to-surface missiles. They continued their overflights until 1600 hours and, at 1610 hours, resumed the attack on the same areas, firing another two air-to-surface missiles.

18 July 1999

Between 0155 and 0210 hours the Lahad militia collaborating with Israel fired three 155-mm artillery shells at Mazra'at al-Hamra from the Zafatah position.

Between 0330 and 0530 hours an Israeli gunboat offshore between Rashidiyah and Bayyadah fired several bursts of medium-weapons fire in all directions.

Between 1010 and 1210 hours Israeli warplanes overflew the South, the Western Bekaa, the North and Mount Lebanon breaking the sound barrier. They continued to violate Lebanon's airspace until 1540 hours.

Between 1105 and 1120 hours occupation forces fired four 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Tibnin from the position at the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint.

At 2120 hours occupying Israeli forces fired six 120-mm mortar shells and directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire at the area around Nabi Sujud from the Ksarat al-Urush position.

19 July 1999

At 0110 hours the collaborators' militia fired four 81-mm mortar shells at Kafr Rumman from the Tahrah hill position. They fell near the station belonging to the Lebanese Army.

At irregular intervals between 0300 and 0530 hours an Israeli gunboat off Mansuri fired several bursts of medium-weapons fire in all directions.

Between 1110 and 1300 hours occupation forces fired 27 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Rshaf, Tiri, Yatar and Sribbin from the position at the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint.

Between 0950 and 1500 hours Israeli warplanes overflew the Bekaa, the South, the North and Mount Lebanon, breaking the sound barrier.

The Lahad proxy militia prevented the inhabitants of Aytrun, Mays al-Jabal, Blida and Hula from leaving for the liberated areas by way of the Bayt Yahun crossing.

Between 1815 and 1945 hours Israeli occupation forces and the collaborators' militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells and 120-mm mortar shells at outlying areas of the easternmost neighbourhood of Kafr Rumman and outlying areas of Qabrikha and Wadi al-Hujayr. Ghanduriyah, Burj Qallawiyah and Qallawiyah also came under fire from the Ibad position.

20 July 1999

Between 0010 and 0620 hours Israeli occupation forces and the Lahad proxy militia fired 81-mm mortar shells, threw hand grenades and directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire at the easternmost neighbourhood of Yuhmur, the Mansuri plantations and Buyut al-Siyad. A fragmentation shell that landed in the easternmost neighbourhood of Yuhmur damaged two occupied dwellings, belonging to Ahmad Hasan Zuhur and Hasan Khalil al-Harf, as well as a civilian vehicle belonging to Mr. Zuhur.

Between 0920 and 1040 hours occupation forces and the collaborators' militia fired several 81-mm and 120-mm mortar shells and directed bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas of Arnun and at the road between Arnun and the castle from the positions at Qal'at al-Shaqif (Château de Beaufort) and Zafatah. The home of Ali Ajami, located on that road, was hit by several direct-fire rounds.

Between 1500 and 1645 hours occupying Israeli forces fired several 155-mm artillery shells and 120-mm mortar shells at outlying areas of Bra'shit, Tibnin, Yatar, Tulin, Qabrikha and Wadi al-Hujayr from the positions at Mays al-Jabal checkpoint, the Bustan checkpoint and Tayyibah.

Between 2020 and 2220 hours Israeli occupation forces and the collaborators' militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells and 81-mm and 120-mm mortar shells and directed bursts of medium-weapons fire at Mazra'at Uqmata, Jabal al-Rafi', Luwayzah hill and the abandoned Army barracks in Nabatiyah from the positions at Zafatah, Qal'at al-Shaqif (Château de Beaufort), Sujud hill, Ksarat al-Urush and Tahrah hill.

At 2135 hours an Israeli helicopter overflew Jabal Ayn al-Tinah in the Western Bekaa.

At 2220 hours occupation forces fired three 155-mm artillery shells at Jabal Bir al-Dahr from the Abu Qamhah position.

At 2230 hours the collaborators' militia fired several 81-mm mortar shells at the area around its position at Kafr Hunah.

At 2315 hours the Lahad proxy militia fired three 155-mm artillery shells at the outskirts of Yuhmur from the Zafatah position.

21 July 1999

Between 0400 and 0500 hours an Israeli gunboat off Mansuri fired several bursts of medium-weapons fire in all directions.

At 1505 hours Israeli occupation forces and the Lahad militia collaborating with them fired several 155-mm artillery shells and 120-mm mortar shells at Mazra'at Uqmata and the area around Sujud hill from the Rayhan and Shurayfah positions.

Between 2000 and 2045 hours occupation forces fired several 155-mm artillery shells at the area around Sujud hill and areas along the Tasah spring from the Ksarat al-Urush and Shurayfah positions.

At 0945 hours the Lahad proxy militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells and 81-mm mortar shells and directed bursts of medium-weapons fire at areas along the Zahrani River, parts of the easternmost neighbourhood of Kafr Rumman and the abandoned Army barracks in Nabatiyah from the Zafatah and Tahrah positions.

22 July 1999

At irregular intervals between 0415 and 0530 hours an Israeli gunboat off Mansuri fired several bursts of medium-weapons fire in all directions.

Between 0840 and 1030 hours occupation forces fired 14 155-mm artillery shells and directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas of Yatar and the area around Jabal Balat from the Jabal Balat and Tall Ya'qub positions.

At 1010 hours occupation forces fired several bursts of medium-weapons fire at the Zimriya crossing from the Zimriya hill position.

At 1105 hours Israeli warplanes overflew the Western Bekaa.

A group made up of members of the occupation forces and the Lahad proxy militia raided the town of Ayta al-Sha'b, which has been occupied and encircled for some time, and arrested Muhammad Ni'mah, 16, and Hasan Musa Rida, 15.

23 July 1999

Between 0415 and 0515 hours an Israeli gunboat off Mansuri fired several bursts of medium-weapons fire in all directions.

At 0900 hours the collaborators' militia expelled Wafa' Salim Milhim, 24, and her 2-year-old daughter Norma from the occupied town of Shab'a by way of the

Zimriya crossing. Her husband, Mustafa Qasim Nab'ah, escaped to the liberated areas on 12 May 1999.

Between 1350 and 1420 hours Israeli occupation forces fired five 155-mm artillery shells at Wadi al-Qaysiyah from the position at the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint.

Between 1607 and 1810 hours occupying Israeli forces fired several 155-mm artillery shells at Wadi al-Qaysiyah from the positions at the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint and Ibad.

Between 1820 and 1835 hours Israeli warplanes attacked outlying areas of Yatar and Majdal Zun in three waves, firing six air-to-surface missiles.

At 2125 hours occupation forces fired three 155-mm artillery shells at Jabal Abu Rashid and three more at the Jabbur pool from the Shurayfah hill position. They also fired a 155-mm artillery shell at Jabal Bir al-Dahr from the Abu Qamhah position.

At 2210 hours Israeli occupation forces and the collaborators' militia strafed the areas around the Suwayda, Dabshah and Tahrah positions with medium-weapons fire.

24 July 1999

Between 0400 and 0600 hours an Israeli gunboat off Bayyadah fired several bursts of medium-weapons fire in all directions.

At 1000 hours the Wadi al-Saluqi and Wadi al-Hujayr area came under Israeli bombardment and was strafed with machine-gun fire. Illumination flares were launched over the area from the occupation's position at the Tayyibah project.

At 1650 hours the collaborators' militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells and 81-mm and 60-mm mortar shells at areas along the Zahrani River, the vicinity of the Habbush-Arabsalim road, outlying areas of Kafr Rumman and Tahrah hill from the Zafatah, Suwayda and Tahrah positions.

At 2200 hours the Lahad proxy militia fired several 81-mm mortar shells and directed a number of bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas of Shaqra from the Hula position.

25 July 1999

At irregular intervals between 0345 and 0510 hours an Israeli gunboat off Mansuri fired several bursts of medium-weapons fire in all directions.

At 0440 hours the Lahad proxy militia fired two 81-mm mortar shells and directed several busts of medium-weapons fire at the Dallafah spring, the Mimis sector, Wadi al-Fatir and Jabal Bir al-Dahr from the Ahmadiyah hill, Zimriya and Ayn Qinya positions.

At irregular intervals between 1010 and 1400 hours Israeli warplanes overflew the South, dropping heat balloons in the Jwayya area.

At 1810 hours the collaborators' militia and occupying Israeli forces fired five 155-mm artillery shells and directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas of Qabrikha, Tulin and Qallawiyah from the positions at Qantarah and the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint.

At 1923 hours Israeli warplanes attacked outlying areas of Qabrikha and Tulin, firing four air-to-surface missiles.

Between 2135 and 2230 hours Israeli occupation forces and the Lahad militia collaborating with them fired several 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Yuhmur from the Shurayfah and Zafatah positions.

26 July 1999

Between 0400 and 0530 hours an Israeli gunboat off Mansuri fired several bursts of medium-weapons fire in all directions.

At 0530 hours an Israeli helicopter overflew Jabal Ayn al-Tinah.

Between 0630 and 0715 hours two Israeli gunboats off the coast between Bayyadah and Mansuri fired several bursts of medium-weapons fire at fishing boats out at sea.

Between 0925 and 0935 hours Israeli occupation forces fired four 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Tulin and at Wadi al-Hujayr from the position at the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint.

At 1010 hours occupation forces fired 22 155-mm artillery shells and 10 120-mm mortar shells at outlying areas of Qabrikha and Majdal Silm and at Wadi al-Qaysiyah and Wadi al-Saluqi from the positions at Hula and the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint.

Between 1102 and 1115 hours Israeli warplanes attacked Wadi al-Qaysiyah in two waves, firing two air-to-surface missiles.

At 1310 hours Israeli warplanes attacked Wadi al-Qaysiyah, firing an air-to-surface missile.

At 1435 hours Israeli warplanes overflew the South and the Bekaa at various altitudes.

At 1540 hours the Lahad militia collaborating with Israel fired two direct-fire rounds at outlying areas of Arabsalim from the Tahrah position.

At irregular intervals between 2020 and 2145 hours Israeli warplanes overflew the South and the Shuf at various altitudes.

At 2045 hours occupation forces fired three 155-mm artillery shells at Wadi al-Qaysiyah from the position at the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint.

27 July 1999

Between 0105 and 0205 hours occupation forces fired several 81-mm mortar shells at areas around Dabshah hill from the position on the hill itself.

Between 0430 and 1505 hours an Israeli gunboat off Mansuri fired several bursts of medium-weapons fire in all directions.

Between 0545 and 0600 hours occupation forces fired four 155-mm artillery shells at Wadi al-Qaysiyah from the position at the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint.

Between 0600 and 0630 hours several 120-mm mortar shells fired from the occupied strip fell in outlying areas of Habbush and Jba'.

At 0615 hours Israeli occupation forces proceeded to bombard the Iqlim al-Tuffah heights and areas along the Zahrani River using miscellaneous weapons.

At 0645 hours occupying Israeli forces fired two 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Mansuri from the Tall Ya'qub position.

Between 0645 and 0730 hours Israeli occupation forces and the collaborators' militia fired 10 155-mm artillery shells and directed bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas of Mansuri, Majdal Zun and Buyut al-Siyad.

Between 0930 and 1300 hours Israeli warplanes overflew the South, the Shuf and the Western Bekaa at various altitudes.

Between 1230 and 1300 hours the Lahad proxy militia directed several bursts of medium- and light-weapons fire at the area around its Ali al-Tahir position.

Between 2020 and 2040 hours an Israeli helicopter overflew the Tumat Niha and Ayn al-Tinah area at moderate altitude.

At 2055 hours the collaborators' militia directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire at Wadi al-Fatir and the Zaghlah-Mimis road from the Zaghlah position.

28 July 1999

At irregular intervals between 0400 and 0500 hours an Israeli gunboat off Mansuri fired several bursts of medium-weapons fire in all directions.

At 0600 hours Israeli occupation forces and the Lahad militia collaborating with them fired several 155-mm artillery shells and 81-mm and 120-mm mortar shells and directed a number of bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas of Yatar, Jba', Haddatha, Ayta al-Jabal, Mazra'at Uqmata, Mlita hill and areas along the Tasah spring from the positions at the Bustan checkpoint (inside Israeli territory), Shurayfah, Rayhan, Ruways, Ruwaysat, Jamus and Shaqif al-Naml.

Between 0915 and 1215 hours Israeli warplanes overflew Mount Lebanon, the Bekaa, the North and the South, breaking the sound barrier.

At 1630 hours the Iqlim al-Tuffah area and Luwayzah, Mlita and areas along the Zahrani River and the Tasah spring came under intense artillery fire from the occupation's position at Zafatah.

At 1720 hours the collaborators' militia fired four 155-mm artillery shells at the Kafra area from the Balat position.

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At 0100 hours, while Carlos Jirjis Ni'mah, Jirjis Sa'id Abu Karam, Amin Antoine Sa'id and As'ad Riyad Salamah, all from the town of Qulay'ah, were hunting boar in the Khiyam lowland, they came under fire from a group belonging to the Israeli occupation forces that was setting an ambush in the same locality. Carlos Jirjis Ni'mah was killed, and the three others received miscellaneous wounds.

Between 0010 and 0020 hours Israeli occupation forces fired 10 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Majdal Silm and Qallawiyah from the position at the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint.

At various times between 0230 and 0700 hours occupation forces and the collaborators' militia fired five 155-mm artillery shells at Wadi al-Qaysiyah from the positions at the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint and on Hardun hill.

Between 0900 and 2011 hours Israeli warplanes overflew the coastal area of the Shuf, the South, the Western Bekaa and the North, breaking the sound barrier.

Between 1600 and 1615 hours occupying Israeli forces and the Lahad proxy militia fired 19 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Zibqin, Jibal al-Butm and Majdal Silm and at Wadi al-Qaysiyah and the Yuhmur lowland from the Tall Ya'qub position.

At 2255 hours several 81-mm mortar shells fired from the occupied strip fell in outlying areas of Jba'.

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Between 0010 and 0015 hours Israeli occupation forces fired several 81-mm mortar shells at areas around their position on Dabshah hill.

At 0235 hours the Lahad proxy militia directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire at the Mimis sector from the Zwayya position.

Between 0500 and 0510 hours an Israeli gunboat offshore between the Ma'liyah lowland and Mansuri fired several bursts of medium-weapons fire in all directions.

At irregular intervals between 1100 and 1240 hours the collaborators' militia directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire at the area around Ali al-Tahir hill and Wadi Habbush from the positions at Ali al-Tahir, Suwayda,

Tahrah and Saff al-Hawwa'. An 81-mm mortar shell also fell in the vicinity of the Shaqif al-Naml position.

Between 1800 and 1830 hours the Lahad proxy militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells at areas along the Litani River from the Zafatah position.

At 1930 hours occupying Israeli forces and the Lahad militia collaborating with them fired several 155-mm artillery shells and three 120-mm mortar shells and directed bursts of medium-weapons fire at the outskirts of Qabrikha and outlying areas of Sawwanah and Majdal Silm from the positions at Qantarah, Tayyibah and the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint.

Between 2050 and 2145 hours Israeli occupation forces and the collaborators' militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells and 81-mm and 120-mm mortar shells and directed bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas of Mansuri, Majdal Zun, Qabrikha, Tulin and Ghanduriyah and at Wadi al-Saluqi, Wadi al-Hujayr and areas along the Litani River from the positions at Tall Ya'qub, the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint, Zafatah, Shurayfah, Tayyibah, Qantarah and Suwayda. One 81-mm mortar shell fell on the roof of an occupied dwelling belonging to Ahmad Musa Ali Sulayman in Qabrikha.

At 2345 hours the Lahad proxy militia fired several 120-mm mortar shells at Mazra'at al-Hamra from the Zafatah position.

At 2350 hours Israeli occupation forces fired nine 120-mm mortar shells at the outskirts of Zibqin and Jibal al-Butm from the Tall Ya'qub and Jabal Balat positions. The walls of an occupied dwelling in Zibqin belonging to Ahmad Ali Bandar Bazi' were damaged by several pieces of shrapnel and the windows were broken when a shell impacted nearby.

At 2350 hours occupation forces fired three direct-fire rounds at the easternmost neighbourhood of Kafr Tibnit. The wall of an occupied dwelling belonging to Qahtan Abd al-Amir Fadil was hit by two of the rounds, leaving two holes.

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Between 0035 and 0045 hours occupying Israeli forces fired several 155-mm artillery shells and 120-mm mortar shells at Wadi al-Qaysiyah and outlying areas of Majdal Silm and Qabrikha from the positions at Tayyibah, Qantarah and the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint.

Between 0330 and 0400 hours an Israeli gunboat off Mansuri fired several bursts of medium-weapons fire in all directions.

At 0500 hours occupation forces fired three 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Mansuri and Majdal Zun from the Tall Ya'qub position.

At 1115 hours occupying Israeli forces fired three 155-mm artillery shells at Wadi al-Qaysiyah from the Mays al-Jabal position.

Between 1420 and 1450 hours the collaborators' militia fired several 81-mm and 120-mm mortar shells at areas around Sujud hill and Mlita hill and at the outskirts of Mlikh and outlying areas of Majdal Silm from the Hula and Aramta positions.

Between 1540 and 1705 hours Israeli occupation forces and the Lahad proxy militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells and 120-mm mortar shells and directed a number of bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas of Yatar, the Yuhmur lowland and parts of the easternmost neighbourhood of Kafr Tibnit from the Tall Ya'qub, Ali al-Tahir and Zafatah positions.

At 1710 hours the Asi area came under Israeli artillery fire from the occupation's position at Tayr Harfa.

The Lebanese Government strongly condemns the continued Israeli occupation and the fresh attacks and arbitrary practices against the Lebanese civilian population that have left a number of dead and wounded and have caused further serious damage to property.

Like previous attacks, this new series is in flagrant violation of the sovereignty and independence of Lebanon and constitutes a breach of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, of international law and of basic human rights.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 40, and of the Security Council.

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